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ATD activates new signal at Barton Springs Road and Stratford Drive



The new traffic signal and pedestrian improvements through Zilker Park make it easier for pedestrians and vehicles to navigate the intersection.

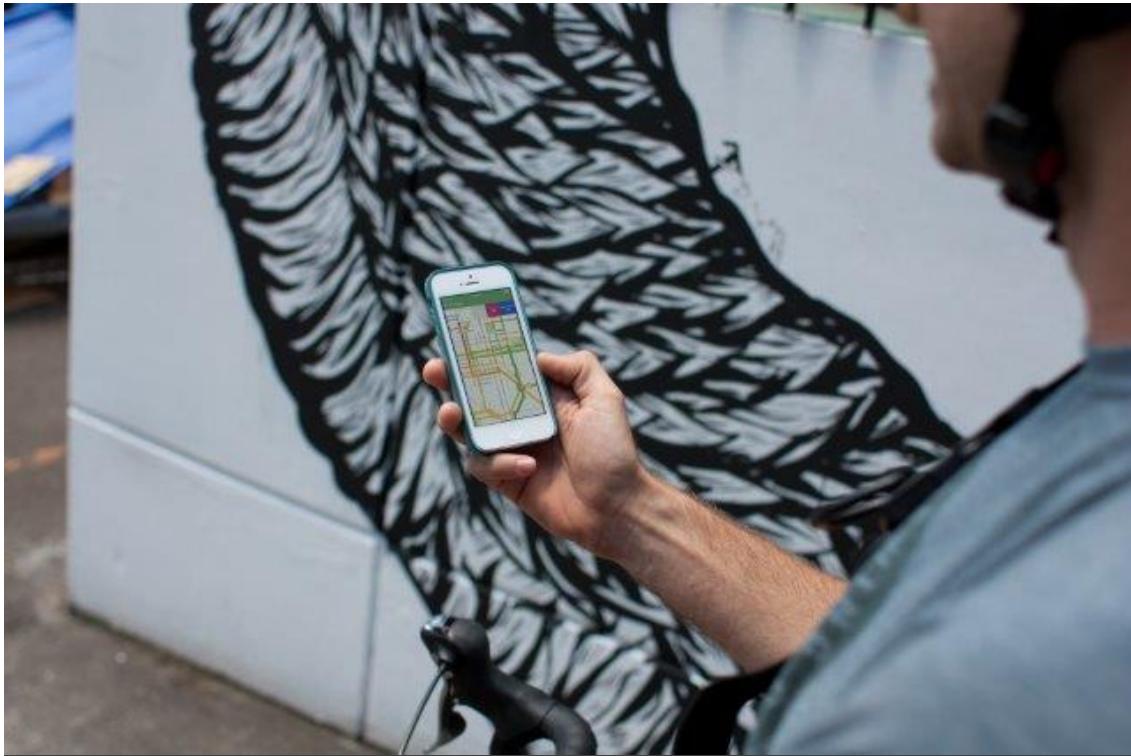
Early last week, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) activated a new signal at the intersection of Barton Springs Road and Stratford Drive in Zilker Park. Improvements include a new traffic and pedestrian signal, along with ADA-accessible pedestrian improvements completed by the Public Works Department.

In an analysis conducted by ATD, this intersection saw more than 23,000 vehicles in an 18-hour period between the hours of 6 and 12 a.m. Vehicle volumes, along with significant pedestrian and cyclist activity in the area, are key indicators of need for a traffic signal at this location.

These improvements will not only increase safety - they will make it much easier to move

through the area, especially during peak travel times in Zilker Park.

New bicycle tracking and route feedback app launched in Austin



Ride Report's tracking software will culminate in a map allowing City staff and the public to view information on bike usage throughout Austin.

Photo courtesy of Ride Report.

Austin bicyclists can help the City of Austin collect crowd-sourced data about cycling use and street safety with their smartphones. Ride Report is a free bicycle trip-tracking app for iPhone (coming to Android soon) that lets Austin bicyclists effortlessly provide feedback on the stress levels of their bike routes.

The app, created by Portland-based startup Knock Software, passively recognizes that a user is riding a bike, tracks the route, and then prompts the user to log whether the bicycle ride was stressful or not stressful. This information (the bicycle route, time of the bicycle ride, and stress rating of the ride) will be aggregated to create a never-before-seen Austin bicycle map showing both stress and use levels ([see Ride Report's amazing map of Portland Oregon](#)). This community-created map is available not only to City planning staff but also to the public at large through a real-time interactive web map that will guide our community to make the smartest investments in bicycling where they are most needed. Important information will even be obtained from trips by car that identify areas where short trips exist that are not currently served by safe bicycle routes.

As a bonus, the app has fun ways of encouraging you to ride more – like keeping up a three-day ride streak or braving the heat – and provides mobile-friendly access to the

crowd-sourced bicycle map.

If you are interested in helping to create a safer and more connected bicycle network, even if you don't currently ride a bicycle, then [download Ride Report for iPhone](#). To receive a notification when the Android app is released in the coming months, send a blank email to [this address](#) and respond to the confirmation email sent to you. Also, please help us get the word out by passing along this information to your networks. Thanks for making Austin a better place to ride!

Parking changes in effect for remainder of Blues on the Green season



The Austin Center for Events (ACE) will add additional temporary signage near Zilker Park identifying areas where parking is restricted for the remaining installments of this year's KGSR Blues on the Green season, which will take place on July 13th and August 3rd.

In order to streamline pick-up and drop-off operations, there will also be a designated passenger drop-off zone on Sterzing Street. See the map above for the location of the drop-off zone and parking-restricted areas, marked by red dashes. Click [here](#) for a more detailed version. Ticketing and towing will be enforced for violations in all "no parking" areas on the days of each event, between 4 and 10 p.m.

In order to avoid parking altogether, Blues on the Green attendees are encouraged to use alternative modes of transportation to get to the event, including transit, biking,

walking and ground transportation services.

Capital Metro bus routes 3, 4, 30, 338, 484 and 803 all drop off near Zilker Park, as shown in this [map](#). Those planning to bike can lock up at one of the many bike racks located at multiple places throughout the park or use a nearby B-cycle station. For more options, check out KGSR's "[Getting There" guide](#).

Public Works begins repairs on City Hall driveways



On Sunday, July 10, the Public Works Department began repairs on the driveways at Austin City Hall. Repairs will take place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily and are expected to be completed Friday, July 15th.

Crews will work in two phases, with repairs starting on the Lavaca Street driveway. During this time, both entrance and exit traffic will be redirected to Guadalupe Street. On Wednesday, July 13, crews will begin work on the Guadalupe Street driveway, which will redirect all garage traffic to Lavaca Street.

Crews are removing the existing damaged pavers and replacing them with concrete. This will improve the condition and longevity of the driveways and increase ADA accessibility. The impacted sidewalks will be closed to pedestrians and the inside travel lanes on each street will be closed to motorists during construction hours.

For project updates, visit the [Public Works Facebook page](#).

TxDOT to host meeting for Mobility35 Improvements in Travis County



Proposed mobility improvements to 10 miles of I-35 between Riverside Drive and SH 45SE will be the highlight of an open house hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) tomorrow, July 12 from 5:30-7 p.m. The meeting will take place at W.B. Travis High School, located at 1211 East Oltorf Street in Austin.

The [South 10-mile Comprehensive Project](#) is the first of three open houses to consider

including express lanes and other safety and mobility improvements along I-35 in Travis County. The purpose of the South10 project is to improve safety and mobility for all users of I-35 while minimizing right-of-way, community and environmental impacts, and to provide a reliable travel time for cars and bus transit using the express lanes.

Open house participants will be able to review project materials, ask questions and submit comments. Attendees are invited to come and go at their convenience.

Those unable to attend the meeting in person can offer input online at a [virtual open house](#) that will be available July 12-26.

Check it out: "Small-scale change, neighborhood by neighborhood"



NPP assists neighborhood groups in implementing small- and medium-sized improvement projects.

The Public Works Department's Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) was featured on Strong Towns, an advocate for small, incremental neighborhood investments that are inspired by bottom-up action.

Learn more about NPP and Strong Towns [here](#).



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Austin Mobility is the City's effort for a fresh approach to looking at walking, biking, transit and driving to solve the transportation puzzle for all of us. We are taking proactive steps to engage and educate the community, which is why you received this news update.

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